





## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Toru IWAKAWA

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A REINFORCING HOLDING AGAINST VIABRATIONS For:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

## Page 1, delete the last full paragraph and insert the following paragraph:

In view of the foregoing, the reinforcing holder against vibrations 41 shown in the perspective view of FIG. 6 has been devised and used to sufficiently withstand even strong vibrations caused by an earthquake, a typhoon or the like.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A reinforcing holder against seismic vibrations for joining structural members in a building comprising:

a reinforcing base member formed by twisting and bending both end parts of a plate in one direction to form fixing pieces, and

absorbing members having rubber elasticity,

the said reinforcing base member being fixed to said structural members via said absorbing members.